

**Table 42.**  
**Distribution, by family composition and age of worker, 2002**

Family composition	Total, all ages	Under 30	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60–FRA
<i>Number</i>									
Worker only	588,689	44,413	21,332	30,832	49,587	73,405	113,996	149,628	105,496
Worker with—									
Spouse									
Aged 62 or older <sup>a</sup>	6,218	0	0	0	6	40	164	1,070	4,938
Child in care	13,902	834	1,409	2,215	2,816	2,493	2,083	1,458	594
Children									
1 child	66,636	5,468	5,034	8,433	13,324	13,447	10,959	7,143	2,828
2 children	37,322	3,288	5,071	8,471	9,010	5,853	3,429	1,687	513
3 or more children	17,015	1,604	3,327	4,783	3,714	1,945	984	515	143
Families receiving maximum benefit <sup>b</sup>	216,934	36,702	19,709	29,076	35,397	31,744	28,385	24,214	11,707
<i>Percent</i>									
Worker only	100.0	7.5	3.6	5.2	8.4	12.5	19.4	25.4	17.9
Worker with—									
Spouse									
Aged 62 or older <sup>a</sup>	100.0	0	0	0	0.1	0.6	2.6	17.2	79.4
Child in care	100.0	6.0	10.1	15.9	20.3	17.9	15.0	10.5	4.3
Children									
1 child	100.0	8.2	7.6	12.7	20.0	20.2	16.4	10.7	4.2
2 children	100.0	8.8	13.6	22.7	24.1	15.7	9.2	4.5	1.4
3 or more children	100.0	9.4	19.6	28.1	21.8	11.4	5.8	3.0	0.8
Families receiving maximum benefit <sup>b</sup>	29.7	66.0	54.5	53.1	45.1	32.7	21.6	15.0	10.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Annual Award and Termination Transaction file.

NOTES: A family means beneficiaries entitled on one worker's account. The data may understate the number of families with dependents because records of awards to dependents made in a different calendar year are not available for inclusion.

Excludes closed period awards and expedited reinstatement cases.

Includes beneficiaries whose benefits are being withheld.

FRA = full retirement age.

a. Includes spouse aged 62 or older with children.

b. Includes families and worker-only beneficiaries for whom the primary insurance amount is equal to the family maximum amount.

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